

### **In the Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

[0024] Action 420 may include detecting energy levels of the current portion of the far end signal and the current portion of the near end signal. Action 425 may include determining whether a ratio of the current portion of the far end energy signal over the current portion of the near end signal energy is ~~sufficiently high~~ a predetermined value. If the ratio is not sufficiently high, then action 430 may follow action 425. If the ratio is sufficiently high, then action 435 may follow action 425.

[0026] Action 435 may include determining whether energy levels of the following signals each exceed the same or different threshold(s): (a) the current portion of the far-end signal and (b) the current portion of the near end signal. Action 440 may follow action 435 if both (a) and (b) are ~~sufficiently high~~ a predetermined value. Action 445 may follow action 435 if either (a) or (b) is not sufficiently high.